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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-70 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 33-60 and 68 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1-32, 61-67, 69 and 70 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Claims 1-70 are pending in the application.

Receipt is acknowledged of amendment / response filed on May 17, 2004 and that has been entered. Claim 70 has been added.

Claims 33-60 and 68 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.142 (b) as being drawn to a non-elected subject matter.

Information Disclosure Statement

Receipt is acknowledged of Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), filed on 07/03/03, which has been entered in the file.

Response to Election/Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants have elected Group II, which includes claims 1-31, and 65-66 drawn to a process for preparing a compound of formula (II) [wherein W is CR³] with an election of species as set forth in Remarks, page 5 with traverse is acknowledged.

Since the Groups IV and IX fall within the scope of Group II, Examiner agrees to include and examine above Groups with the elected invention. Examiner also agrees to include claim 70 with Group IV. Therefore, these grounds of traversal are rendered moot. However, Examiner respectfully disagrees with the Applicants other arguments because the invention of groups I-IX differ materially in structure and in element from each other and therefore, are capable of supporting their own patents. Inventions are independent if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together, having different modes of operation, different functions or

different effects (MPEP 806.04, MPEP 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are drawn to distinct processes of preparing same or different compound, requiring different search strategies because of the different reactive steps and conditions involved in each group and to search all the above groups in a single application would be an undue burden on the Examiner. Therefore a separate search considerations are involved, which would impose a burden if unrestricted. Also the fields of search are not coextensive. Additionally, besides performing a class/subclass search, the Examiner performs a commercial data base search and an automated patent system (text) search. Therefore, because of the reasons given above, the restriction set forth is proper and not to restrict would impose a serious burden in the examination of this application.

For these reasons, Applicant's arguments are found unpersuasive and, therefore, the requirement for restriction and election of species is still deemed proper.

Applicants preserve their right to file a divisional on the non-elected subject matter.

As set forth in the restriction requirement and an election of a single compound (or set of compounds), the invention will encompass all compounds (process of preparation) that fall within the scope of the claim is as follows:

A compound of formula (I or II) wherein:

W is $-CR^3$,

R^1 is as claimed except " $R^4S(O)_n$, - or $-SF_5$ ",

R^2 is as claimed,

R^3 is as claimed,

R^4 is as claimed, and

n is absent.

As a result of the election and the corresponding scope of the compound (process of preparation) identified, claims 33-60 and 68 and the remaining subject matter of claims 1-32, 61-67, 69 and 70 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142 (b) as being drawn to non-elected inventions. The withdrawn subject matter of claims 33-60 and 68 is properly restricted as it differs materially in structure and in element from the elected subject matter supra so as to be patentably distinct there from.

Objections

Claims 1-32, 61-67, 69 and 70 are objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. The claims should be amended to exclude non-elected subject matter and within the scope of elected invention.

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Golam Shameem, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0706. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The Unofficial fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-7921. The Official fax phone numbers for this Group are (703) 308-4556 or 305-3592.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.



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